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1. "Since November 1952 large scale efforts have been underway to modernize the rolling stock at the important railroad junctions of Vinnitsa and Zhmerinka in the Vinnitsa Oblast of the Ukraine. Large depots of rails, ties and machines for quick track-laying are being established at various points.
2. "Old locomotives, and some of the 1951-52 Polish production, are being replaced by new models. The locomotives withdrawn from service are parked on the reserve tracks in smaller stations between the junctions: Vinnitsa-Kazatin, Vinnitsa-Zhmerinka and Zhmerinka-Proskurov. On the railroad line between Vinnitsa and Zhmerinka the following rolling stock was stored at various small stations during the first half of November 1952: 20 locomotives, and over 300 passenger cars, flat cars, tank cars and refrigerator cars. All this rolling stock had been overhauled.
3. "All fire fighting equipment and anti-aircraft alarm installations in all railroad stations in the Vinnitsa Oblast have been checked and are now in good working order.
4. "In October 1952 the Party authorities in the Vinnitsa Oblast organized secret courses for the Party officials in Kolkhozes and MTS (Motor & Tractor) Stations. The courses pertained to the protection of the main Vinnitsa-Zhmerinka railroad line. The courses were given by (fnu) Burnovsky, an official of the Obkom."

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